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1. SUMMARY. AT NATO CAUCUS ON MILITARY SECURITY ON JULY 24 FRENCH REP, SPEAKING FOR THE NINE, GAVE PRELIMINARY REPLY TO SECTION ON CBMS OF US. ESSENTIALS PAPER (MADRID 4339). NORWAY ADDED BRIEF COMMENT. THIME DID NOT ALLOW FOR FULER DISCUSSION OF US. PROPOSAL. END SUMMARY.

2. FRENCH REP, RENARD, SAID DELEGATIONS HAD CONSIDERED US. PAPER VERY CAREFULLY AND WELCOMED IT AS A SIGN OF INCREASING US. INTEREST IN THE OUTCOME OF THE CONFERENCE PARTICULARLY ON THAT PART CONCERNED WITH CBMS. THERE WAS HOPE THAT THIS WOULD LEAD TO AN EXPANDED US. PARTICIPATION
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IN THE DEBATE. SECTION ON CBMS FOLLOWS SAME GENERAL APPROACH

AS OTHER SECTIONS AND CALLS FOR A QUICK NEGOTIATION ON ISSUES WHICH IS NOT IN CONFORMITY WITH THE STATE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE DIFFICULTY IS THAT US. APPROACH DEVELOPS FALL-BACK POSITIONS WHICH COULD WELL BECOME STARTING POSITIONS WHEN NEGOTIATIONS RESUME IN SEPTEMBER. SUCH A PAPER IS HARD TO HANDLE BECAUSE OF ITS SENSITIVE NATURE AND IT IS DANGEROUS TO HAVE THE PAPER IN CIRCULATION.

3. TURNING TO SPECIFICS, RENARD SAID DELEGATIONS HAD SERIOUS QUESTIONS OVER THE US. APPROACH TO THE AREA FOR THE PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR MILITARY MANEUVERS (REFERRING TO THE WORDS QUOTE IN THE EUROPEAN USSR INCLUDING ONLY A BROAD BAND OF TERRITORY ON ITS WESTERN BORDER UNQUOTE). THERE MUST BE A COMPROMISE ON THE MOVEMENTS QUESTION AND ALL DELEGATIONS FELT KEENLY ABOUT THAT. INsofar AS OTHER CBM PARAMETERS ARE CONCERNED, THESE WOULD HAVE TO BE STUDIED MORE, AND THERE WAS AN ASSUMPTION THAT THE USG HAD SOME FLEXIBILITY ON THE NUMERICAL PARAMETERS. RENARD CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT THE CONCEPT OF PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR MILITARY MANEUVERS TO ALL PARTICIPATING STATES WAS MOST IMPORTANT AND DELEGATIONS WERE PLEASED THAT THERE WAS ACCORD ON THIS POINT.

4. NORWAY WANTED TO KNOW HOW PAPER WAS TO BE TREATED BECAUSE ITS TREATMENT RAISES MANY QUESTIONS. NORWAY WOULD HAVE DETAILED COMMENTS TO MAKE IN BRUSSELS.

5. US. REP THANKED FRENCH AND NORWEGIAN REPS FOR THEIR COMMENTS AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THIS WAS A BEGINNING OF A SERIOUS DISCUSSION ON SPECIFIC POINTS TO BE NEGOTIATED WHEN THE CONFERENCE RESUMES. ABRAMS

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